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Dear Doctor Wilson:

Thank you for your endorsement of Dr. Aleck Berenstein as a prospective research assistant in this Laboratory. As you may know, we have followed your advice and are looking forward to his joining our group this September.

We have felt very fortunate to have had Dr. Bruce Stocker and Dr. C. C. Spicer as visitors for shorter periods this last year. I am profoundly impressed by their sound training and fundamental interest in the biological problems of bacteriology, and hope they are representative of British training (or perhaps of the London Dipl. Bact.) With some outstanding exceptions, I fear that bacterial genetics has made a much less substantial impression on medical bacteriology over here, and for this reason it is difficult to find students who will have had the necessary background to go into research on the genetics of medically interesting bacteria.

This difficulty promises to continue for the next several years, and for this reason I expect that we will be receptive to further applications for some time to come.

Yours sincerely,

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Associate Professor of Genetics

